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COLORED CONCRETE

The building industry has been aroused by the statement that concrete may be satisfactorily colored by dyes. According to a new process, there seems to be no reason why the architect of the future should not be able to work out reasonable color schemes by the use of tinted concrete.

The new process uses only organic compounds that are insoluble in water in the finished state, and that are fast to light, moisture, and other atmospheric effects. The color range of such dyestuffs is quite extensive.

The process can be used for coloring concrete in mass or as blocks. The concrete is gauged with a solution of a simple derivation of the dyestuff. By means of simple treatment such as exposure to the air, the simple derivation is oxidized back to the original insoluble dyestuff and is thrown down in a permanent insoluble form upon the cement particles.

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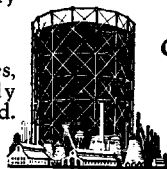
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